City of Bremen Council Meeting

Public Safety Complex 191 N Georgia Ave. Bremen, GA 30110

City Officials in Attendance:
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Mayor Sewell and Council Members: Dobby Harris, Jai Otwell, Salli Thomason, Lin Clayton

City Manager Perry Hicks, Operations Manager Mike Thompson, City Clerk Amy Ridley, Librarian Lisa Walton-Cagle, City Attorney Sam Price, Fire Chief Jay Hurley, Police Chief Keith Pesnell, Recreation Director Matt

Cody, Codes Enforcer Steve Muse, Library Assistant Pat Johnson

6:00 P.M. Work Session Mayor & City Council Informal Discussions Session

Mayor Sewell called the work session to order at 6:05 pm and the below listed items were the topics of discussion. This session is a period of informal comments and questioning among the Mayor and Council Members as well as the Department Heads and the City Attorney. There are no actions taken during the work session.

Department Head Updates Holiday Closings Agenda Items

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 7:00 pm.

7:00 PM City Council Meeting Mayor & Council Members Regular Scheduled Council Session

Meeting Agenda

- Call Meeting to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Invocation
- 4. Review and Modification of the Agenda
- 5. Approval of the Minutes from the October 15, 2018 Regular Meeting
- 6. Carroll County Service Delivery
- 7. Community Revitalization Plan
- 8. AMI Meter Replacement Program
- 9. Fence Project for Recreation Ball Fields
 - (A) Resolution Georgia Department of Natural Resources Grant
 - (B) Agreement Land and Water Conservation Fund Project
- 10. Open to the Public
- 11. Adjourn

Call to Order

Mayor Sewell called the regular scheduled council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Review & Modification of the Agenda

Mayor Sewell added item number 10a to the agenda for for executive session to discuss real estate.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on October 15, 2018.

Council Member Otwell made a motion in which Council Member Thomason seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on October 15, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

Carroll County Service Delivery Agreement

City Manager, Perry Hicks stated that the Carroll County Service Delivery Agreement is a required update and all of the other Carroll County cities have all approved it. He stated that the agreement now provides a millage rollback for our provided fire service, which means the City of Bremen/Carroll County tax bills, will show a reduced millage on their county tax bills due to this rollback. He stated that is the only change that really affects Bremen.

Council Member Clayton made a motion to approve the Carroll County Service Delivery Agreement. Council Member Otwell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Community Revitalization Plan

Deanna Murphy with the Sizemore Group was present and she gave a presentation including recommendations, of the community revitalization plan that they have put together for the I-20 area of Bremen.

Council Members asked questions regarding the intersection of Price Creek Road and Alabama Avenue/ Hwy 27

and asked Mrs. Murphy if her group would have any pull with DOT in helping get a red light at that location.

Mrs. Murphy stated that DOT has rules regarding the distance between red lights and since there is already a light in that area and the existing light is only a couple of hundred feet away, that will be a tough battle. She suggested trying to do something that would reroute traffic from that intersection up to the next intersection where there is a red light.

Mrs. Murphy asked if she could answer any other questions regarding the community revitalization plan.

There were no further questions and Mayor Sewell thanked Mrs. Murphy for the presentation.

AMI Meter Replacement Program

City Manager, Perry Hicks stated that we received 2 bids on the automatic read meter replacements and the lowest came from Consolidated Pipe and we would recommend moving forward with them.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to authorize the city manager to initiate an agreement with Consolidated Pipe for the meter replacement program.

A motion was made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Otwell to authorize the city manager to initiate an agreement with Consolidated Pipe the the meter replacement program. The motion carried.

Grant Resolution & Agreement for Recreation Ball Field Fencing

Recreation Director, Matt Cody stated that we applied for a grant several months ago from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, for the purposes of fencing the recreation ball fields. He stated that we have now been approved for the grant. It is a \$70,000 match grant and we have a resolution that will need to be approved to authorize Mayor Sewell to execute the Grant on behalf of the City of Bremen. We also need approval of the land and water conservation fund agreement, which states that we will do what we say we are going to do with the funds from the grant.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the resolution authorizing her to sign the grant from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, on behalf of the City of Bremen.

A motion was made by Council Member Thomason, seconded by Council Member Harris to approve the resolution authorizing Mayor Sewell to sign for the grant from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The motion carried.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the land and water conservation fund agreement.

Council Member Thomason made a motion to approve the land and water conservation fund agreement. Council Member Harris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Open to the Public

Kyle Williamson with the Downtown Development Authority was present and addressed the Mayor and Council Members to give an update on the DDA. He also gave them a copy of a survey that the DDA conducted a few weeks ago during the town festival. He stated that they have an event planned in January and will be inviting the local downtown businesses to attend so they can let them know that the DDA is back in full operation.

Mayor Sewell thanked Mr. Williamson for the DDA update and there was no other business to come before the Mayor and Council.

Executive Session

Council Member Otwell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clayton, to go into executive session to discuss real estate.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to end executive session and reconvene the regular meeting.

Council Member Harris made a motion, which was seconded by Council Member Clayton, to reconvene the regular meeting. The motion carried and the regular meeting reconvened.

Council Member Harris made a motion to authorize Mayor Sewell to sign the affidavit for discussing real estate in executive session. Council Member Thomason seconded the motion to authorize Mayor Sewell to sign the affidavit for executive session. The motion carried.

Meeting Adjourn

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Council Member Otwell a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:50 pm and the meeting adjourned.